

In the Claims

Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by brackets.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 12 and 14-20 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic security apparatus adapted to allow a user to obtain identifying information of an individual at a first location and allow the user to determine whether to allow or deny the individual access to a designated area, the apparatus comprising:

a casing;

a computer disposed within the casing, the computer having a computer program;

a first input device coupled to the computer and adapted to receive identifying information of the individual, the computer being adapted to receive and process identifying information from the first input device;

a storage medium communicating with the computer, the storage medium including a database of identifying information of at least one individual, wherein the computer compares identifying information of the individual received from the first input device with the identifying information stored in the storage medium;

a second input device coupled to the computer and adapted to enter remarks into the computer program regarding at least one of the individual and the identifying information;

a transmitter coupled to the computer and adapted to electronically transmit at least one of the identifying information and remarks to a second location remote from the first location;

a receiver coupled to the computer and adapted to receive instructions from the second location, the instructions comprising an action the user of the apparatus should [take] perform regarding the individual, the action comprising one of allowing and denying the individual access to the designated area; and

an output device coupled to the computer and adapted to inform the user of the apparatus of the instructions.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the identifying information includes an image of the individual.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first input device comprises a camera coupled to the computer and adapted to obtain an image of the individual.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the output device comprises a display coupled to the computer and adapted to display the image.
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus is adapted to communicate with a remote location to receive identifying information.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the computer includes image recognition software for use in comparing the image of the individual to the [a] database of stored images.
7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the image is at least one of a facial image, a hand image, a fingerprint image and an eye image.
8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the camera is constructed and arranged to reduce a likelihood of being detected.
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storage medium is housed separately from the casing.
10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the apparatus is adapted to capture, together with the camera, both a streaming video digital image of the individual and a still digital image of the individual.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the first input device comprises a camera control unit coupled to the computer and housed within the casing and a camera coupled to the camera control unit, the camera being housed separately from the camera control unit.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining identifying information of an individual at a first location, the method comprising acts of:

obtaining[loading a desired program into] an apparatus, the apparatus having a computer, a database and a camera control unit coupled to the computer and adapted to receive and process images from an imager that is housed separately from the camera control unit, the apparatus being capable of capturing, together with the imager, both a streaming video digital image of the individual and a still digital image of the individual;

instructing the same apparatus to capture, together with the imager, at least one of a) a [the] streaming video digital image of the individual at a first location and b) a [the] still digital image of the individual at a first location;

operating the same apparatus to enter in the [program] database remarks about the individual, the remarks including at least one of notes regarding the individual, a date the image was taken, an identification of the individual, and an identification of a person using the apparatus;

[instructing the same apparatus to] electronically transmitting the at least one of a streaming video digital image, a still digital image and remarks to a second location remote from the first location[;] so that

[reviewing] the at least one of a streaming video digital image, a still digital image and the remarks may be reviewed at the second location and instructions based on at least one of a streaming video digital image, a still digital image and the remarks may be prepared at the second location;

receiving the[preparing] instructions based on at least one of a [the] streaming video digital image, a still digital image and the remarks from the second location, the instructions comprising an action the user of the apparatus should perform regarding the individual;

[transmitting instructions back to the first location;] and

performing [an] the action regarding the individual in response to the instructions.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising an act of storing, in the apparatus, at least one of a plurality of images of individuals and remarks concerning at least one individual and instructional information regarding the individual.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, further comprising an act of operating the same apparatus to enter in the database [program] audio data regarding the individual.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising electronically transmitting [an act of instructing the same apparatus to electronically transmit] the audio data to the second location.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the act of entering remarks in the database [program] about the individual comprises an act of inputting in the database [program] at least one of text and voice.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the act of transmitting [instructing the same apparatus to transmit the image] comprises an act of transmitting [instructing the same apparatus to transmit] the image via a wireless connection.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the act of transmitting [instructing the same apparatus to transmit] the image comprises an act of transmitting [instructing the same apparatus to transmit] the image via the Internet.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the act of instructing the apparatus to capture, together with the imager, at least one of a) a streaming video digital image of the individual at the [a] first location and [or] b) a still digital image of the individual at the [a] first location comprises an act of instructing the apparatus to capture, together with the imager, a still digital image of the individual at the [a] first location.